



Traditional Service
The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 4, 2024

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Adagio in E

Frank Bridge

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, the glory of God has risen upon you!

People: the New Dawn will arise upon us;

Leader: the Holy One will bless God's people with peace.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in God's presence!

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

#380

O Christ, the Healer

ERHALT UNS, HERR

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
When reached by love that never ends?

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

2 From every ailment flesh endures
Our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need.

4 In conflicts that destroy our health
We recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills:
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

*Please stand if you are able.

5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In Your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, you set the universe into motion and created this earth as a sign of your grace and love. You set us down in your creation, declared it good, and charged us to be stewards of it on your behalf. Yet we so often fall short of your charge. We neglect and exploit your creation; we hurt each other and ignore our neighbors' needs while focusing on our own. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to take up your charge with courage and faith, so that our lives and our ministry may reflect your goodness in this world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39

Linda Filipovits

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Rise and Shine: Staying Mobile"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

*SERMON HYMN

#357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

1 O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Here, O Lord, I see Thee face to face

Percy Whitlock

Chancel Choir

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
here would we touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace
and all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

*Doxology

#592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

As our Savior Christ has taught us, so we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music Interlude for a Communion Service

Frank Bridge

*SENDING HYMN

#399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

4 That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The Kingsfold Trumpet

Alfred Fedak